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1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on						
	- action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowan	· <del></del>					
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Disposition of Claims						
4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 and 16-30 is/are pending in the ap 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ☐ Claim(s) 1-3 and 16-30 are subject to restriction	vn from consideration.					
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## Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-3 and 16-30 are pending. Claims 4-15 have been cancelled.

- 2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - Claims 1-3 and 17-25, drawn to a chemical compound and a pharmaceutical composition using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - II. Claim 16, drawn to an intermediate compound of formula (IV).
  - III. Claim 26, drawn to a method for the treatment of a disease or condition in which glycogen phosphorylase plays a role using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - IV. Claim 27, drawn to a method of treatment of hyperglycemia or diabetes using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - V. Claim 28, drawn to a method of prevention of diabetes using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - VI. Claim 29, drawn to a method of treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperinsulinemia, hyperlipidemia, and atherosclerosis or tissue ischemia using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - VII. Claim 29, drawn to a method for achieving cardioprotection using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - VIII. Claim 29, drawn to a method of inhibition of abnormal cell growth using a chemical compound of formula I.
  - IX. Claim 30, drawn to another intermediate compound of formula (IV).

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- 3. Inventions I and (II-VIII) are related as product claims. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. For instance, see the claims 26-29.
- 4. Inventions I and II are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship. Distinctness is proven for claims in this relationship if the intermediate product is useful to make other than the final product, and the species are patentably distinct (MPEP § 806.05(j)). In the instant case, the intermediate product is deemed to be useful. The inventions are deemed patentably distinct because there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.
- 5. Inventions I and IX are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship. Distinctness is proven for claims in this relationship if the intermediate product is useful to make other than the final product, and the species are patentably distinct (MPEP § 806.05(j)). In the instant case, the intermediate product is deemed to be useful. The inventions are deemed patentably distinct because there is nothing of record to show them to be obvious variants.
- 6. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup>, X<sup>4</sup>, Y, and Z.

The ring system and radicals within the definition of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, X<sup>1</sup>, X<sup>2</sup>, X<sup>3</sup>, X<sup>4</sup>, Y, and Z are diverse in scope. A prior art reference, which anticipates one member such

as phenyl under 35 U.S.C. 102, would not render obvious another member such as

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pyridinyl under 35 U.S.C. 103. Accordingly, the ring systems and the radicals are

independent and patentably distinct.

7. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is

finally held to be allowable. If the preferred group is a method of use, a single disclosed

disease state should be elected. Currently, claims 1-3, 16-22, and 25-30 are generic.

8. Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all these

inventions listed in this action are independent or distinct for the reasons given above

and there would be a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not

required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

(a) The inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent

subject matter;

(b) The inventions require a different field of search (for example, searching different

classes/subclasses or electronic resources, or employing different search queries);

(c) The prior art applicable to one invention would not likely be applicable to another invention;

and

(d) The inventions are likely to raise different non-prior art issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 and/or 35

U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

9. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must

include (i) an election of a invention to be examined even though the requirement may

be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the

elected invention.

invention.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected

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- 10. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.
- 11. The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04. Process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product will be entered as a matter of right if

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the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier.

Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116;

amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

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- 12. In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112. Until an elected product claim is found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowed product claim will not be rejoined. See "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process Claims in light of *In re Ochiai, In re Brouwer* and 35 U.S.C. § 103(b)," 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, Applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution either to maintain dependency on the product claims or to otherwise include the limitations of the product claims. Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder.
- 13. Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.
- 14. Due to the complexity of the restriction requirement, a written request is made.

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15. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

- 16. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).
- 17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna Northington Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.
- 18. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for regular communications.
- 19. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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